

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 LONDON 00219 01 OF 02 071807Z

50

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-01 INR-07 L-02

NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 RSC-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15

USIA-06 AID-05 CEA-01 COME-00 EB-07 FRB-01 CIEP-01

STR-01 TRSE-00 LAB-04 SIL-01 SAM-01 OMB-01 NIC-01

AGR-05 /086 W

----- 082412

R 071757Z JAN 75

FM AMEMBASSY LONDON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7047

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

AMEMBASSY DUBLIN

AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

AMEMBASSY LUXEMBOURG

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY ROME

USMISSION EC BRUSSELS

USMISSION OECD PARIS

USMISSION NATO BRUSSELS

AMCONSUL BELFAST

AMCONSUL EDINBURGH

AMCONSUL LIVERPOOL

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE SECTION 01 OF 02 LONDON 00219

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: UK, EEC

SUBJECT: EC MEMBERSHIP: SOVEREIGNTY ISSUE

REF: LONDON 16851

SUMMARY - IN THE DEVELOPING FIGHT OVER BRITISH MEMBER-

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 LONDON 00219 01 OF 02 071807Z

SHIP OF THE EC, THE ISSUE OF SOVEREIGNTY HAS NOW BEEN

SQUARELY JOINED. TONY BENN SET OUT THE CASE FOR THE ANTI-MARKETEERS NINE DAYS AGO (REFTEL). ROY HATTERSLEY, WITH GOVERNMENT APPROVAL, HAS NOW PUT FORWARD THE CASE FOR THE PRO-MARKETEERS. IN ESSENCE, HATTERSLEY ARGUES, THE POOLING OF NOMINAL NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY IN THE EC ACTUALLY YIELDS GREATER SOVEREIGNTY IN TERMS OF CONTROL OVER INTERNATIONAL DECISIONS AFFECTING BRITAIN'S VITAL INTERESTS. END SUMMARY

1. ROY HATTERSLEY, THIRD-RANKING MINISTER AT THE FCO, HAS PUBLICLY REBUTTED ARGUMENTS OF ANTI-MARKETEERS THAT EC MEMBERSHIP ENTAILS AN UNACCEPTABLE LOSS OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY. IN A SPEECH TO THE ASSOCIATION OF CONTEMPORARY EUROPEAN STUDIES IN BRISTOL ON JANUARY 6 (TEXT BEING POUCHED TO DEPT), HATTERSLEY DWELT ON THE REALITY OF SOVEREIGNTY IN THE MODERN WORLD. HE CHIDED THE ANTI-MARKETEERS FOR THEIR PURSUIT OF "A VICTORIAN CHIMERA", AND ARGUED THAT THE POOLING OF FORMAL SOVEREIGNTY IN THE EC ACTUALLY YIELDED MORE, NOT LESS, ECONOMIC STRENGTH AND GREATER POWER TO INFLUENCE DECISIONS TAKEN ABROAD THAT AFFECT BRITAIN'S VITAL INTERESTS.

2. HE ALSO DENIED THAT PARLIAMENT MIGHT LOSE ULTIMATE CONTROL OVER EC LEGISLATION. ALL IMPORTANT EC LEGISLATION, HE POINTED OUT, WAS CONTROLLED BY THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WHERE THE UK REPRESENTATIVE COULD EXERCISE A VETO. THEREFORE, HE CONCLUDED, "AS LONG AS PARLIAMENT CAN CONTROL ITS MINISTERS IT CAN CONTROL ALL IMPORTANT NEW LAWS THAT ARE MADE IN BRUSSELS AND LUXEMBOURG."

3. TO THOSE WHO RECOMMEND A FREE TRADE ASSOCIATION WITH THE EC IN LIEU OF FULL EC MEMBERSHIP, HATTERSLEY WARNED THAT BRITAIN WOULD BE "LUCKY, VERY LUCKY INDEED", IF THE EC AGREED TO SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT FOLLOWING BRITISH WITHDRAWAL. IN ANY EVENT, BRITAIN WOULD CONTINUE TO BE DEEPLY INFLUENCED BY EC ACTIONS. THE CHOICE, HE SAID, WOULD BE WHETHER OR NOT TO REMAIN INSIDE WHERE BRITAIN COULD PLAY A MAJOR PART IN SHAPING THOSE ACTIONS.

4. COMMENT: THE ISSUE OF SOVEREIGNTY HAS NOW BEEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 LONDON 00219 01 OF 02 071807Z

SQUARELY JOINED AND WILL PROVIDE A KEY ELEMENT IN THE EVENTUAL REFERENDUM CAMPAIGN. THE PRO-MARKETEERS HAVE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 LONDON 00219 02 OF 02 071809Z

50

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-01 INR-07 L-02

NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 RSC-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15

USIA-06 AID-05 CEA-01 COME-00 EB-07 FRB-01 CIEP-01

STR-01 TRSE-00 LAB-04 SIL-01 SAM-01 OMB-01 NIC-01

AGR-05 /086 W

----- 082465

R 071757Z JAN 75

FM AMEMBASSY LONDON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7048

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

AMEMBASSY DUBLIN

AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

AMEMBASSY LUXEMBOURG

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY ROME

USMISSION EC BRUSSELS

USMISSION OECD PARIS

USMISSION NATO BRUSSELS

AMCONSUL BELFAST

AMCONSUL EDINBURGH

AMCONSUL LIVERPOOL

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE SECTION 02 OF 02 LONDON 00219

THE RATIONAL ARGUMENTS ON THEIR SIDE, BUT GIVEN THE
POWERFUL EMOTIONS WHICH CAN BE STIRRED UP BY APPEALS TO
NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY, THEY HAVE NOT BEGUN THEIR CAMPAIGN
TO EDUCATE THE BRITISH ELECTORATE ANY TOO SOON.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 LONDON 00219 02 OF 02 071809Z

5. HATTERSLEY ENJOYS THE REPUTATION OF BEING A VETERAN PRO-MARKETEER. HE IS ALSO A CANNY POLITICIAN WHO HAS CAREFULLY COVERED HIS BETS ON THE EC ISSUE. HIS WILLINGNESS TO SPEAK OUT SO FORCEFULLY NOW IS THE BEST INDICATION THUS FAR THAT THE GOVERNMENT EXPECTS RENEGOTIATION TO SUCCEED AND IS MOBILIZING TO WIN POPULAR SUPPORT FOR CONTINUED EC MEMBERSHIP. (HATTERSLEY'S SPEECH HAD HMG APPROVAL, OF COURSE, AND WAS IN FACT A DEVELOPMENT IN PUBLIC OF POINTS MADE TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS BY FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN BEFORE THE CHRISTMAS RECESS.) THE MEDIA ARE PLAYING IT UP AS THE GOVERNMENT'S RIPOSTE TO TONY BENN, ALTHOUGH HATTERSLEY'S SPEECH WAS WRITTEN BEFORE BENN PUBLISHED HIS LETTER TO HIS CONSTITUENTS OPENING UP THE SOVEREIGNTY ISSUE. A TOP FCO OFFICIAL REMARKED TO US AFTER THE PARIS SUMMIT THAT "SOVEREIGNTY WILL BE THE LAST REFUGE OF SCOUNDRELS (I.E., THE ANTI-MARKETEERS)." HATTERSLEY HAS APPARENTLY LAUNCHED THE GOVERNMENT'S DRIVE TO DENY THEM THAT REFUGE.

SPIERS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MEMBERSHIP, PARTY UNITY, SOVEREIGNTY, PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 07 JAN 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: MorefiRH
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975LONDON00219
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750006-0687
From: LONDON
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750173/aaaacmbv.tel
Line Count: 191
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 4
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 LONDON 16851
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: MorefiRH
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 09 APR 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <09 APR 2003 by MartinML>; APPROVED <16 MAY 2003 by MorefiRH>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: EC MEMBERSHIP: SOVEREIGNTY ISSUE
TAGS: PINT, ECON, UK, EEC
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006